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SUBJECT: UK TARIFF TREATMENT OF KRAFT LINERBOARD AND

--- HOVERCRAFT ISSUES

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1. ON MARCH 8 DEPARTMENT RESPONDED ORALLY TO SUGGESTION
OF BRITISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE (SHARP) THAT DOT'S
EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION ON KRAFT LINERBOARD
WOULD BE EASED IF THE US COULD SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY
ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. CLASSIFICATION OF HOVERCRAFT.
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLITMAN, WITH STR AND TREASURY
CONCURRENCE, INFORMED SHARP THAT: 1) IF THE NEW YORK
PORT AUTHORITY REINSTATES ITS EARLIER REQUEST FOR THE
LEASING OF A HOVERCRAFT FOR EVALUATION OF ITS POTENTIAL
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COMMERCIAL USE, WE WOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A

WAIVER FROM JONES ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE;
2) IF A U.S. LICENSEE OF AUK MANUFACTURER OF HOVERCRAFT
REQUEST A REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF HOVERCRAFT, WE
WOULD UNDERTAKE SUCH A REVIEW, D 3) IF A UK MANUFACTURER
OF HOVERCRAFT THROUGH THE BRITISH EMBASSY SEEKS A REVIEW
OF THE CLASSIFICATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT
COMMITMENT WOULD SEEK TO HAVE THE OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
CONCERNED CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE CLEAR

THAT WE ARE NOT LINKING THE REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION
OF HOVERCRAFT AND THE KRAFT LINERBOARD ISSUES SUBSTAN-
TIVELY AND THAT WE ARE MAKING NO COMMITMENT ON THE
OUTCOME OF THE HOVERCRAFT CLASSIFICATION REVIEW.

2. SHARP STATED THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF
OUR RESPONSE AND THAT IT WOULD NOW PUT IN HAND THE
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS LOOKING TOWARD MODIFICATION OF
THE DUTY ON KRAFT LINERBOARD. HE WAS UNABLE TO
ANSWER A QUESTION RAISED BY STR (LANDE) AS TO THE TIME
REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED
SUSPENSION. KISSINGER

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